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1. In early December 1950 there were about 200,000* Soviet troops in the Dairen and Port Arthur area, and large numbers of tanks, artillery pieces, and trucks all camouflaged with trees or green cloth, were parked at the various railroad stations. About 20,000 Soviet troops were stationed at the North Barracks outside the north gate of Liaoyang (123-12, 41-16) and in the former Japanese residential district southeast of the Suchiatun (123-22, 41-43) railroad station. A large number of Soviet troops were in Mukden occupying buildings at the corner of Ma Lu Wen (馬路溫) from which tenants had been evicted during October or November, and most of the buildings south of Fifth Avenue in the Ho P'ing (和平) District. High-ranking Soviet officers in Mukden were living in the railroad hotel (former Yamato Hotel), the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association building, and the former Japanese Consulate on San Ching (三經) Road.
2. In Mukden the Soviet Air Force Headquarters and a military radio station were at Sh'eng P'ing Li (成平里), at the north corner inside Ta Hsi Pien Jen (大西門), the large western gate.
3. In early November an unknown number of Soviet troops moved to Suifenho (131-09, 44-23), Chiamussu, Chiaoho (127-20, 43-43), and Kirin. Residents of these places were dispersed to surrounding villages.
4. From October to December large numbers of Soviet army and air force technical personnel moved to Manchuria.
5. From early October to early November, large numbers of military trains, fully loaded with Soviet troops, tanks, artillery pieces, anti-aircraft guns, and other military materiel, went southward from Manchuria through Shanhaikuan to various destinations throughout China. As of November, in addition to Soviet air force and anti-aircraft troops, there was about one Soviet division in each of the following places: Tientsin, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Kunming. All were billeted outside of these cities and were usually restricted to the billet areas. When they left these areas, they wore civilian clothes.

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6. In early December in Tientsin and Shanghai, Chinese Communists were constructing barracks for Soviet troops and were baking large quantities of bread for Soviet use.

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25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that in mid-October 100,000 Soviet troops were in the Port Arthur-Dairen area and another 100,000 in other areas of Manchuria.

25X1A** [REDACTED] Comment. The location of other Soviet billets in Mukden was reported in [REDACTED]

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25X1A*** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] (from an independent source) reported that Soviet troops took over garrison duties in Shanghai, Nanking, and other cities in late October.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported a Soviet division along the Shantung coast in December. [REDACTED] reported that 6,000 Soviet Air Force personnel moved to Canton and areas along the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad in January 1951.

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